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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FACULTY TENURE NEARS DEADLINE

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1. UNIVERSITIES HAVE LARGELY COMPLETED REVIEW OF FACULTY MEMBERS TO BE RETAINED OR DISMISSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE ON TENURE ISSUED LAST SUMMER. ALTHOUGH MARCH 1 DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOME UNIVERSITIES AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (AS WELL AS K/CIA) ARE APPARENTLY CONTINUING. MOST CONJECTURE IS THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FACULTY MEMBERS WILL NOT BE OFFERED CONTRACTS AND MAJORITY WILL BE REMOVED FOR MOONLIGHTING OR ACADEMIC NON-PRODUCTIVITY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE TO THIRTY PROFESSORS MAY BE DISMISSED AT GOVERNMENT DIRECTION FOR PLAINLY POLITICAL REASONS ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY, REASONS FOR DISMISSAL WILL BE DISGUISED. SPECULATION CONTINUES AS LIST IS STILL IN PROCESS OF FINALIZATION. ONE PROFESSOR CONFIDED TO USIS OFFICER THAT HE STILL HOPES TO NEGOTIATE HIMSELF OFF BLACKLIST WHICH HE CLAIMS ALREADY TO HAVE SEEN.

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2. IN ANY CASE, PROFESSORS WILL CONTINUE TO SWEAT OUT THEIR

CONTRACT RENEWALS UP TO DEADLINE. UNIVERSITY SOURCES
HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SOME MORE "POLITICALLY ORIENTED"
INSTRUCTORS HAVE PROMISED FUTURE GOOD BEHAVIOR IN
EXCHANGE FOR ASSURANCES THEIR NAME WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED
ON LIST. EVEN IF SOME CONTROVERSIAL PROFESSORS ARE THUS
REHIRED, THEY WILL OWE THEIR JOBS AND LOYALTY TO MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION AND OTHERS IN ROKG.
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